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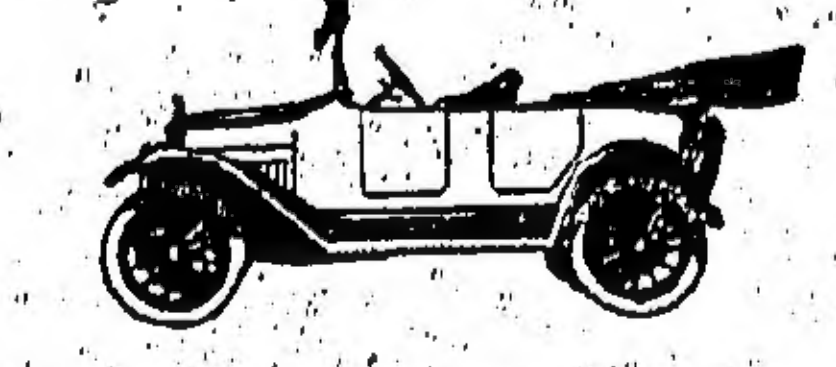
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**CEASELESS FIGHTING ON
AMERICAN FRONT**
**CHAGRIN OF THE PRUSSIAN
GUARDS.**
London, July 31.
Reuter's Correspondent at Ameri-
can Headquarters, cabling on Tues-
day afternoon, says:—
There was ceaseless fighting on the
American front yesterday in which
little actual progress was possible,
the enemy resisting most deter-
minedly and bringing up fresh
troops; but though this delayed us
for a day, the enemy is unlikely
to stand this side of the Vesle. The
enemy's machine-gun firing severely
ceased the whole of yesterday. It
was plain that the Guards Division
was bitterly chagrined at the loss of
Sergy the previous evening after re-
taking it four times. Therefore it
was not surprising when they re-
attacked at dawn, supported by gun-
fire which compelled the defenders
of Sergy to withdraw across the river.
The enemy was permitted a few un-
pleasant hours' occupation after
which an American attack drove out
the Guards who apparently were
shaken, for few remained to face the
bayonet.
Then an attack developed at Ser-
ginges which the enemy held in great
strength with machine-gun nests on
either side of the village. The
Americans formed up in the open
ground south of the Ourcq which
was swept by a terrible fire, yet they
advanced very steadily, and forced
the river as if on parade. It was
an astounding performance, for troops
so recently bloodied. The men steady-
ly climbed the slopes, silenced suc-
cessively German machine-gun nests,
and swept on to the top of the hill,
and stormed the village. A fierce
fight ensued. There was no asking
or giving quarter. The enemy was
stout-hearted. Very few fled to the
Forest of Nesles. The remainder
were buried in the village.
The final success of the day was
the capture of the hill above Sergy,
re-establishing the line. The Forest
of Nesles, lying right ahead of the
advance, will take some clearing.
Prisoners state that most elaborate
preparations have been made to hold
it.
The enemy is still retreating, but
it is plain there is slow work before
us.

**ENEMY COUNTER-ATTACKS:
VERY LIMITED SUCCESS.**
London, July 31,
1.10 a.m.
A French communiqué says:—
On the right bank of the Ourcq
we advanced to the north-east of
Fere-en-Tardenois.
In the region of Sergy our gains
were maintained, despite an enemy
counter-attack.
South-west of Rheims the enemy
counter-attacked on both sides of
Sainte Euphrasie, resulting in only
a slight enemy advance west of
Sainte Euphrasie. All attempts to
capture this village failed.

BRITISH AVIATION WORK.
14 ENEMY MACHINES
DESTROYED.
London, July 30.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig,
reporting on aviation, says:—
Despite a mist, we dropped eleven
tons of bombs on dumps and billets,
and destroyed 14 aeroplanes. Two
British machines were in action. We
bombed Bray and Bapaume during
the night. All our machines re-
turned.

TO LINK FORTH AND CLYDE.
PROPOSED NEW CANAL DESIRED
BY THE ADMIRALTY.
An interesting article by Captain G. S.
Swinton appears in the "Nineteenth
Century," advocating a ship canal be-
tween the Forth and the Clyde. The
canal is advocated both as being desired
by the Admiralty and as very necessary
for merchant shipping.
The author states that the distance
between Glasgow and London by sea
would be shortened by 220 miles; be-
tween Glasgow and Newcastle by 407
miles; between Glasgow and Hamburg by
280 miles.
There are two alternative schemes
under consideration, and the estimated
cost of the cheaper, and in the opinion
of the author the better, scheme would
be £23,000,000. Captain Swinton also
sees the great opportunity that would
be opened for the manufacturing towns
on the banks of the canal which, prop-
erly planned and laid out from the com-
mencement, each with its agricultural
belt for the production of food for the
inhabitants, would provide splendid
settlements for the people, especially
on returning soldiers.

AUSTRALIANS CAPTURE MERRIS.
London, July 30.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig,
reporting last night, says:—
The Australian First Division
patrols who entered the German
positions about Merris successfully
established themselves eastwards of
the village, which they surrounded
and captured, taking 160 prisoners
and a number of trench-mortars and
machine-guns. Our casualties were
remarkably light.
Patrols captured prisoners in the
Nieppe Forest sector.
There is great hostile artillery firing
against our new positions at Merris.

AIR-RAIDS ON GERMANY.
TOWNS ATTACKED
VIGOROUSLY.
London, July 30.
The Air Ministry states:—
On the night of the 29th we
attacked the railway stations at
Offenburg, Rastatt and Baden.
We also attacked Rastatt and
Söllingen, and bombed and machine-
gunned three aerodromes and numer-
ous ground targets.
We also bombed the railway
station of Offenburg during the day
on the 30th with good results.
We shot down three aeroplanes
and one other out of control. One
British machine is missing.

**ENGLAND'S CONTRIBUTION IN
THE WAR.**
75 PER CENT. OF TROOPS
SUPPLIED BY BRITISH ISLES.
London, July 30.
The Rt. Hon. W. F. Massey, in
a speech at New, said that out of
7,500,000 soldiers contributed by the
Empire the British Isles supplied 75
per cent., including 4,500,000 from
England alone. The tonnage of the
British Navy is now over 6,000,000
compared with 4,000,000 in August,
1914.
The personnel of the Navy was
420,000 compared with 145,000 in
August, 1914.
Five hundred and sixty-seven
steamers were continually employed
in carrying troops and stores to the
Armies in France and in the East.

**A DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FOOD
PRODUCTION.**
London, July 30.
The Press Bureau announces that
Sir Charles Fielding has been ap-
pointed Director-General of Food
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W. F. ROBERTS,
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Hongkong, July 29, 1918.

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Hongkong, July 30, 1918.

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DECIMAL COINAGE.

DISCUSSION IN HOUSE OF LORDS.

In the House of Lords on June 7, Lord Southwark (L) moved the second reading of the Coinage (Decimal System) Bill, which, he said, was framed to amend the Coinage Acts, 1470 and 1489, and to sanction a decimal system of coinage. The principle of the Bill had been agreed to by the Association of Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom, which represented some 120 Chambers of Commerce; by the Institute of Bankers, the Decimal Association, and many other important bodies. Nearly every country outside the British Empire employed some system of decimal coinage.

Lord Leverhulme, in moving the rejection of the Bill, said that he was not, simply the Bill of the Institute of Bankers, but the Bill of the Chambers of Commerce, which had been largely influenced by the fact that the Institute of Bankers had adopted and supported the Bill. He would like to know if bankers overseas had an opportunity of expressing an opinion. He did not oppose the principle of decimal coinage. Trade and commerce had been seriously hampered by our present basis of coinage. But he opposed the method by which it was proposed to make the conversion of our unit and divide it into a thousand parts.

MINISTERIAL VIEW.
Lord Hylton (Lord in Waiting) said a feeling in favour of decimalizing the currency had been growing during the last few years. But his Majesty's Government was not altogether prepared to accept the argument that this was the most favourable time to introduce such a change. In the opinion of the Treasury, for purposes of retail trade and the payment of wages, it was doubtful whether shillings and pence were not superior to decimal coinage. The Government could not support the Bill, but there was an opportunity of expressing an opinion. He did not oppose the principle of decimal coinage. Trade and commerce had been seriously hampered by our present basis of coinage. But he opposed the method by which it was proposed to make the conversion of our unit and divide it into a thousand parts.

Viscount Haldane (L) remarked that the present system of coinage was out of fashion, and as to the unpopularity of changes he thought the public took to new things and assimilated them much more rapidly than we had been in the habit of supposing.

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Lord Swaythling (L) whilst in favour of the sovereign standard, favoured the dollar unit, and would like to see the sovereign regarded as five dollars. Lord Balfour of Burleigh (U), in opposing the Bill, said the Committee, over which he presided, was practically unanimous in considering that at the time of social and financial difficulties through which we were passing it would be extremely inexpedient to add to the financial confusion by introducing such a change.

THE SOVEREIGN.
The Earl of Crawford (Lord Privy Seal) thought great caution should be observed in making any alterations in the present system of currency. He had a great respect for the pound sterling, upon which foundation our currency should be based, and he was of opinion that the sovereign would not be dethroned without a tremendous struggle for its existence. He saw no particular virtue in decimalization in itself, and certainly no inherent sanctity was attached to it. Personally he would be rather reluctant to agree to a second reading of the Bill with a view to making it a reference to an inquiry to be set up. There was no desire on the part of the Government that this Bill should be considered by a Committee to the exclusion of other Bills, and he therefore recommended that it should be either withdrawn or postponed.

After some discussion a motion for the adjournment of the debate was agreed to.

PARNELL'S SISTER DIES IN A WORKHOUSE.

THE FINAL TRAGEDY OF A GIFTED FAMILY.

The death is announced of Mrs. Emily Ricketta, the last of Charles Stewart Parnell's three sisters. She died in South Dublin Union Workhouse. A Dublin Correspondent writes:—All three died tragically, like their great and famous brother—Fanny, the youngest and, I believe, Parnell's favourite, at a very early age in Boston in the early eighties. She wrote some memorable poems, one of which—
"Shall mine eyes behold thy glory, O my country!"—remains a vivid Irish memory to the present day.

Anna, the eldest, and in the strength of her character and political convictions the most gifted, once stopped Lord Spencer, when Viceroy, as he rode through Westmorland-street with his military staff, by seizing the bridle of his horse, to demand why he had evicted certain tenants. She was found mysteriously drowned in a pond or lake in England about a dozen years ago.

And now Mrs. Ricketta, too, the astonishment of the public and of her immediate relatives, has passed away, although possessing ample means, in a poorhouse. She had reached the great age of 80, and had been long in Wales with her daughter, Mrs. Della Wright, nee Dickinson.

Some years after the death of her first husband, Mr. Dickinson, this sister of Parnell married Captain Cuthbert Ricketta, an officer who has been invalided out of the Army and is at present in Australia.

Mrs. Ricketta was the author of "A Patriotic Mistake," which contains an interesting history of the Parnell family.

In a preface to the work she wrote the following: "A well-known Irish journalist has said that ours was the most tragic family he had ever heard of. This, I think, is true."

CAMOUFLAGED LORRY.

HOW BRITISH OFFICER HELD AUSTRIANS AT BAY.

How the British armoured cars helped the Russians during their retreat from Galicia in July and August 1917 is revealed in a recent "London Gazette" announcement of the award of decorations and medals.

The record of Lieut. Commander Walter Doring Smiles, who receives a bar to his D.S.O., is typical of several others:—
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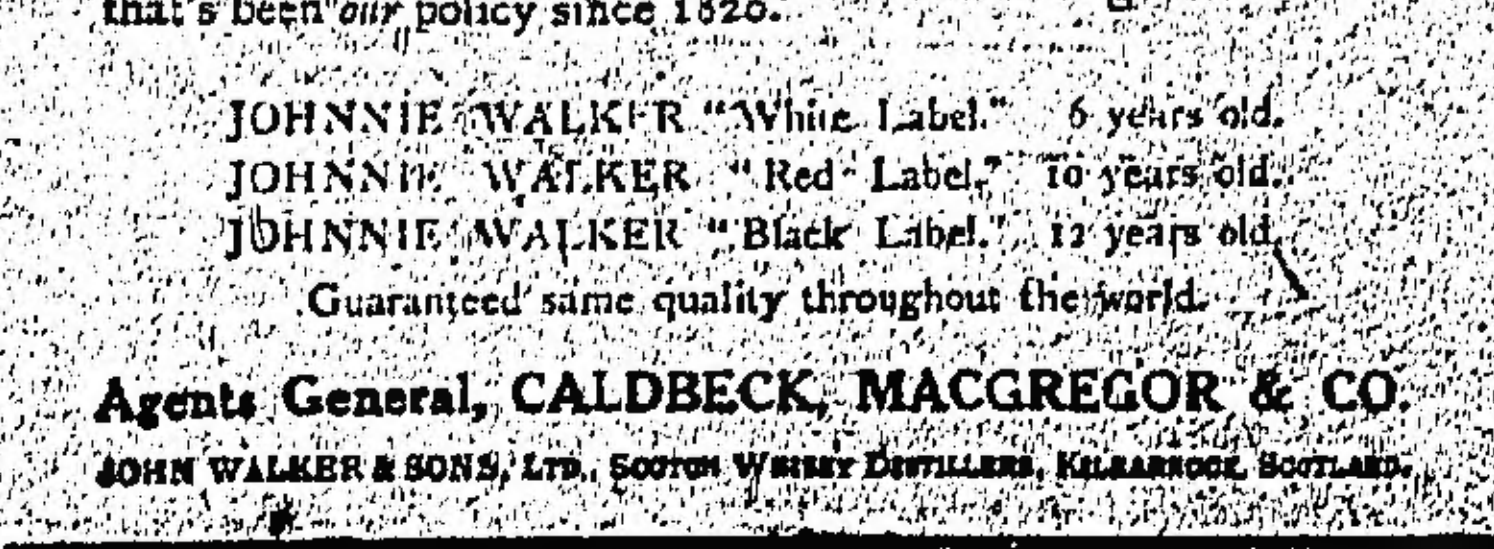
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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, AUG. 1, 1918.

THE TAI O TRAGEDY.

THE evidence given by the Indian police at the Coroner's inquest concerning the death of the stationer on the occasion of the lamentable tragedy at Tai O makes very sorry reading indeed. The jury found that the Indian constable on guard at the time, and also other constables attached to the station, were guilty of gross neglect of duty; and they recommended that their conduct should be further investigated by the proper authorities. What the evidence established was that an Indian constable, brooding, no doubt, over a charge against him which was under investigation by a magistrate, shot the police sergeant in charge of the station, fired wildly at some Chinese boatmen connected with the station, threatened the wife of the police sergeant, and endangered her life and that of her child by pouring kerosene over the premises and setting the building on fire. According to the Indian constable on guard duty outside the station, when the first shot was fired "everybody ran out of the station," and though he himself was armed with a rifle and twenty rounds of ammunition, he ran too, when he saw three Indian constables running away; but while they went to the neighbouring village, he went up the hillside and remained there for two and a half hours, when a police launch arrived at the pier. Not till then did he go to the station to see what could be done to save it. The senior Indian sergeant, a man with nearly eighteen years' service in the Force, ran out of the station with the others. He affirmed that he did not hear till half an hour afterwards that the sergeant had been shot. The only member of the Force at the station who comes out of the inquiry with any credit is the Chinese sergeant-interpreter. As he was going to the station he met a coolie who told him that an Indian constable had killed Sergeant GLENDENNING; whereupon the sergeant-interpreter went to a junk and procured four Winchester rifles and 400 rounds of ammunition. He dispatched a detective by rowing boat to Castle Peak (some fourteen miles away) with a message to be telephoned from there to the Captain Superintendent. Then, arming two boatmen with rifles and ammunition, he went with them to the back of the station, with the intention of shooting or intimidating the Indian, but though they fired several rounds they did not see him, and so about noon they "went down to the village," not knowing whether Mr. GLENDENNING was dead or alive. No doubt, upon the jury's recommendation some departmental action will be taken and the public will be interested to learn the result. It is not surprising to notice that the jury also recommended that "telephone communications should be instituted at all out stations connecting same with each other and with the Colony," and also that "sub-officers of the station which use

a boat as the quickest or only means of transit should be provided with a fully manned and armed steam or motor pinnace. What the evidence discloses is that the murder of the sergeant took place about 10.30 in the morning, that a detective was sent off in a rowing boat to Castle Peak—a distance of 14 or 15 miles—to telephone the news to the Police Headquarters in Hongkong; that, quite fortuitously, a police launch reached Tai O about 1.30. The news of the tragedy reached Hongkong, we believe, somewhere between 3 and 5 o'clock, and we have it in the evidence that a police officer from the Central Station reached Tai O at 10 p.m.—twelve hours after the occurrence of the tragedy! That is unquestionably a deplorable, not to say scandalous, state of affairs in these days of rapid communications. The subject of linking up these outlying stations by telephone or wireless has been ventilated on several occasions before, and turned down by the Government on the score of expense. The necessity for electrical communication was emphasised in the *China Mail* and other papers six years ago on the occasion of a terrible piratical outrage at Cheung Chow. The recommendation of the Coroner's Jury which has investigated the Tai O tragedy invites a reconsideration of the subject by the Government, and it is to be hoped that provision will be made for this communication in the next Budget.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Next Monday is a Bank holiday.

Owing to unavoidable delay due to bad weather the sailing of the *a.s. Nanking* for Manila has been postponed to Saturday, at 10 a.m.

A Conference of Tientsin at Tientsin is reported to have unanimously agreed upon the selection of Chi Sai Chong for the Presidency of the Republic and Tuan Xi Sui (the present Premier) as vice-President.

We are asked to state that the fourth anniversary of the War will be celebrated at the Sikh Temple on Sunday next between 3 and 5 p.m. Subscriptions for Sikh wounded soldiers will be invited on the occasion.

To relieve the situation of the shortage of coal and increasing cost of the mineral, a company has been promoted by several leading coal merchants in Shanghai for the development of two mines, one at Lubosien, Kiangsu, and the other at Kiangsi; whose output, it is stated, has proved to be equal in quality to that of the mineral imported from Japan and the United States.

THE KOW-TOW AT THE MAGISTRACY.

With reference to a report which appeared in our issue of the 11th June, 1918, relating to an alleged incident during the hearing of a case before Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe at the Magistracy on the 11th June, in the course of which it was stated that a Chinese witness was ordered by the Magistrate, first to apologise and then to kneel, on account of a certain objectionable expression he had made use of whilst giving evidence, Messrs. Lo and Lo have forwarded us, on behalf of the Chinese witness in question, correspondence between the firm and the clerk to the Magistracy "from which" they write "you will see that no such order was in fact made and that the report in question was inaccurate."

The version given by the Magistrate's Clerk reads: "I am directed to inform you that your client (though called upon to apologise immediately after he had used the objectionable expression did not do so—possibly because he did not know what to do. When he had finished giving his evidence he was thereupon invited by the Magistrate to apologise in a form understood by himself. The alternative to this apology would have been action taken under section 89 of the Magistracy's Ordinance."

The reports in the other local papers were practically identical with that published in the *China Mail*.

FIRE IN BEACONSFIELD ARCADE.

Beaconsfield Arcade, a block of buildings nearly opposite the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in Queen's Road, was the scene of a fire. The ground floor of the block consists of shops, the second storey consists of business offices, while the upper storey is occupied as residential quarters with the exception of the rooms at the western end of the building, which formed Yera's photographic studio.

About half-past three o'clock this morning the occupants of the building were disturbed in their slumbers by the sound of police whistles, to find that a serious fire had started in the building, originating apparently on the ground floor, in a portion occupied by Wing Yik and Co., described as contractors on their sign, and one of the proprietors of the Victoria Cinema Theatre, as an office and store room for films.

From all accounts it appears that the fire broke out at 3.30 a.m. and within a few minutes the shop where it originated became a burning cauldron. So intense was the smoke that the European residents on the top floor were nearly overpowered by it, and ran pell-mell into the streets, some in their pyjamas and with bare feet. The occupier of the room next to Yera's, the Japanese photographer, on the top floor, awoke a quarter of an hour after the fire had broken out and had to fight his way through the doors of his room, which were then alight. He narrowly escaped with only his hair singed. Anxiety was expressed regarding his fate as no one saw him, and the Fire Brigade in vain afterwards searched for him in his room.

There was a strong northerly wind and the fire soon got a good grip of the place. The Fire Brigade came on the scene about three-quarters of an hour after the occurrence, the explanation being that they were called out to attend a fire at Wanchai at about the same time, which turned out to be a false alarm. A hose from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank was requisitioned but the pressure was not sufficient and in the meantime the fire, fanned by the wind, spread through the back of the building on the Battery Path side, making the work of rescue more difficult. For a time the men were at their wits' end as to whether to pay attention to the portion occupied by the Japanese photographer or concentrate their attention on the film shop. In this connection it is asserted that the Japanese photographer's place was ablaze not long after the police whistles were blown.

The hose from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank was made to play on the ground floor and it was not until the Fire Brigade arrived that the top floor was tackled. By that time the room next to the photographer's was well alight, and the passage running along the back of the premises on Battery Path had already been thoroughly burnt through.

This made the work of the fire-fighters extremely difficult, but they did all they could to arrest the conflagration. For a while the firemen were quite overcome by the intensity of the flames. In view of the seriousness of the fire the Fire Brigade concentrated every available man. The Brigade divided its attention between the ground and top floors and every effort was made to prevent the fire from spreading. The outbreak from the Battery Path side became very serious, the flames spreading furiously, giving an on-looker from a distance an impression that a forest fire was raging. From Yera's the flames soon spread to No. 13, where in a short time it obtained a good hold. The hose played on No. 13 and 14 from the steps opposite the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank leading to Battery Path from Queen's Road. No. 14 (the photographer's shop) was burnt out and soon it appeared that No. 13 had caught fire, flames being seen emitting from that room.

It was not until 3.15 that the fire was extinguished and the Fire Brigade were able to return to Headquarters. Wing Yik & Co.'s film store was entirely gutted, as also was Yera's studio and room No. 13 on the top floor. On the ground floor a tobacconist's shop (Dedeglou Brothers) was damaged, while considerable damage was done to Noordin's, the tailor. Messrs. Sayce & Co.'s bookstall was fortunately saved. Messrs. Robertson, Wilson & Co., importers and exporters, who occupied 12 1/2 on the first floor, had all their goods destroyed.

The European residents on the top floor are estimated at between 25 to 30. The building belongs to the Bellicio estate for which Messrs. Linstead and Davis are the agents. The damage may be roughly computed at about 15,000. The shops of Noordin, Sayce and Dedeglou Brothers are the only ones that are believed to be insured. Wing

Yik's film exchange store is reported not to be covered by insurance. The damage to this is estimated at \$20,000. Yera's \$5,000 and the tobacco company at least \$1,000, the damage to the premises being variously estimated.

The scene at the time of the outbreak was pathetic; ladies thinly-dressed and men in pyjamas or an overcoat hurriedly put on and with barefoot giving proof of hurried exits from their rooms. The rain that came down later made the work of extinguishing the conflagration more difficult.

The experiences of one of the bachelors occupying a room on the top floor, which was miraculously saved, are worth relating. Awakened by Police whistles at 3.30, he went to look out from the verandah and, half-asleep, formed a hurried conclusion that it was a street disturbance. He was on the point of going back to bed when the thought that he saw the street very brightly compelled him to go back to the verandah, which faces the City Hall. He at once realised that a fire was burning directly underneath his room, making a dash for the door, he was faced with a lock that obstinately refused to be opened. Just as he was on the point of breaking the door it opened and, snatching his coat by his bed, he rushed across the passage at the back, but found the smoke suffocating. For a quarter-of-an-hour police whistles, he says, were being blown but only a few people had collected in the street. The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank staff, who have a mess in the Bank building, were soon on the scene, so were the junior European staff of the Chartered Bank.

HOIHOW NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

In spite of many rumours of trouble, Hoihow is quiet. Several hundred of General Lung's troops who were in Lui-chow were permitted to come here after they surrendered, and we learn that the Lui-chow peninsula is now controlled by Cantonese troops.

News has reached here that Kachek on the East of the island has also been captured by Cantonese troops, assisted by local soldiers who are known as the People's Army. On July 22 and 23, there was severe fighting just outside of the North gate of Kachek where General Lung's troops had built a small fort. Finally on the night of the 23d the last of the defenders of the fort fled and there has been quiet in the town ever since. After the battle the victors brought their wounded and those of their enemy into the Mission Hospital where they were treated by Dr. Bercoff. Perhaps fifty are under treatment from rifle bullets and machine-gun fire.

General Lung's troops have gone up the river from Hoihow, but it is said they are destined for Dongwang where they have a walled town to resist their enemies if they attempt to come out to Hoihow.

Another force of Cantonese are operating West of Hoihow, near Lim-koi. With these surrounding enemies Lung's officers report that they are to have assistance from the North of China. They have ordered 4,000 native beds to furnish the quarters of the expected troops. They have tried to move one of the nine-inch guns from the fort near the Harbour light for additional protection at Klugetow.

FIRE BRIGADE INVENTIONS.

Two valuable devices for use on motor fire engines have been invented by Mr. J. Drury, representative of the Kingston Fire Brigade—a gas self-starter and an air heater for low-grade petrol. In the self-starter the gear is worked by a small electric switch in front of the driver, and a half turn sets the engine throbbing. In some brigades the engines are kept warm by running them at intervals when not in use, but Mr. Drury has devised a method of heating the air before it passes into the carburetor, and the engines are fed with a well-vaporised mixture of air and petrol. A saving of 33 per cent of petrol was effected last winter on the old method.

VITAL HALF-HOUR FOR WOUNDED.

A soldier's chances of recovery from wounds are usually determined by his treatment during the first half-hour in which he is brought up from the trenches, said Sir James Cantlie at the Institute of Public Health. The same applied to the chances of the man injured in a street accident. Sir James added that he remembered teaching first-aid to Polytechnic students, under the arches at Charing Cross, by the light of a candle in a bottle.

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THE KUT GARRISON.

PETITION FOR EXCHANGE OF SURVIVORS.

MADRAS, July 1. An appeal is published regarding the Kut prisoners, which states that the unfortunate men have been prisoners for more than two years and that there is danger that they may be forgotten in subsequent bigger events. Vigorous action on their behalf is needed.

The "Madras Mail" draws attention to the following petition to the Viceroy: We beg to bring to the notice of the Government the fact that the few survivors of the Kut-el-Amara garrison are now in the third year of their captivity. As such we respectfully urge that negotiations for their exchange may be concluded without further delay. In support of our petition we venture to emphasise the following points: The majority of the Kut-el-Amara garrison belonged to the original expeditionary force despatched to Mesopotamia in October, 1914. Consequently they experienced the hardships subsequently endured by the Mesopotamian Commission. After advancing to Baghdad and suffering heavily at the battle of Ctesiphon the force under General Townsend fell back fighting to Kut-el-Amara where they sustained the longest siege of modern times namely from the 5th December, 1914, until the 29th April, 1915. On the latter date exhaustion of supplies compelled them to surrender. From Kut-el-Amara the starved garrison were marched to Baghdad along a shadeless route at the hottest season of the year. On the 19th June, 1916, the survivors started on the desert march of some two months' duration to various prison camps in Asia Minor, notably Kastamouni. Early last autumn the escape of several British prisoners from Kastamouni led the Turkish authorities to transfer the remainder to Chaugurlu. At the latter place additional hardships were experienced owing to a scarcity of supplies, and the exorbitant prices charged for the necessities of existence. Late last autumn the prison camp was transferred from Chaugurlu to Kedes where the prisoners arrived early in January after an appalling journey of over a month, having been greatly delayed by bad weather, the winter being very severe.

From Mr. Hope's statement in Parliament regarding the high rate of mortality among the survivors of the Kut-el-Amara garrison it seems probable that none of these gallant men will outlive their long captivity if their exchange is still further deferred. In view of the above facts we beg to petition for the immediate exchange of all the survivors of the Kut-el-Amara garrison now prisoners of war with the Turks. Furthermore, we respectfully request that the contents of this petition be cabled Home for the speedy consideration of His Majesty's Government.

The Coroner thanked the jury for the careful attention they had paid to the case and for their expression of sympathy with Mrs. Glendenning and family. He also complimented the police on their presentation of the case.

THE TAI O TRAGEDY.

FINDINGS OF THE CORONER'S JURY.

IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Coroner's inquiry held by Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe and a jury consisting of Messrs. H. J. Rowe, A. M. da Sousa and D. E. M. de Souza, was concluded yesterday.

The Coroner, summing up the evidence, asked the jury to return their verdict by answering the following questions:—

Do you find that Sergeant Glendenning's death was the result of a shot fired by B18 Tja Singh on July 17th, at 10.30 a.m., at Tai O? If so, was B18 Tja Singh, when he fired the shot, of sound or unsound mind? Did Tja Singh take his own life? If so, was he of unsound mind? Do you find any person or persons criminally responsible, excepting the deceased, for the death of Sergeant Glendenning?

As this was a public enquiry, connected with the Police, they might make any comments. The station was in an out-lying part of the Colony for the protection of His Majesty's subjects. The question as regards the Police was, when the Sergeant met his death, did they do their duty or neglect it? As regards the conduct of communication, he wished to point out that both the conduct of the Police and the presence of the communications would not have saved the Sergeant's life. They might, however, make comments as to the desirability of future precautions. The Coroner referred to the Sergeant-Interpreter as the only man who did not fail to do his duty. He was practically the only man to make an attempt to get to the station, and his conduct was admirable. He would recommend his action to the Government.

The jury retired and after a few minutes' deliberation returned the following verdict:—

- (1)—We find that Sergt. Glendenning's death was the result of a shot fired by B18 Tja Singh on the 17th inst., at 10.30 a.m., at Tai O.
- (2)—We find that B18 Tja Singh, when he fired the shot, was of sound mind and therefore guilty of murder of Sergeant Glendenning.
- (3)—We find from the evidence that Tja Singh took his own life.
- (4)—We find he was at the time of sound mind.
- (5)—We do not find any person or persons criminally responsible for the death of Sergt. Glendenning.

The jury also read out the following riders:— We are of opinion that the Indian Constable who was on station duty at the time grossly neglected his duty and that his conduct should be investigated. We commend the action of the Sergeant-Interpreter in attempting a rescue. We also think that the other constables stationed at Tai O, and who were in the station at the time with their arms and ammunition easily accessible, grossly neglected their duty in this time of emergency and that their conduct should be investigated; although they would not have been able to prevent the murder of Sergeant Glendenning, they could, at least, have prevented the fire, and the injury to Mrs. Glendenning and the suicide of the Indian constable. We also think that, under the circumstances of the Indian constable's position on the Island, he should have been put in charge of a guard whilst on the Island.

We recommend to the Government the advisability of seeing that:— (a)—At least two European officers be stationed at all isolated out-stations. (b)—That telephonic communication be installed at all out-stations, connecting same with each other and the Colony. (c)—That such of these stations which use a boat as an access or only means of transit be provided with a fully-manned and armed steam or motor pinnace.

The jury desire to express their profound sympathy with the widow and family of the deceased, and recommend that the Government consider the case of the widow and child and contribute a substantial pension or donation over and above the ordinary allowance.

The Coroner thanked the jury for the careful attention they had paid to the case and for their expression of sympathy with Mrs. Glendenning and family. He also complimented the police on their presentation of the case.

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TELEGRAMS.

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THE FRENCH OFFENSIVE.

QUIET ON THE MARNE.

LONDON, July 30. A French communiqué says there was nothing of importance during the night north of the Marne.

COUNTER-ATTACKS REPULSED.

PARIS, July 30.

A Havas Agency message says:—The Germans, yesterday, threw in troops from their best regiments to dislodge ground with the Allied tide. Violent counter-attacks were made along the whole front north of the Marne. But the Allied forces surged forward and made very important captures of ground.

It seems as if during the last few days the Allies have been driving ahead too fast for the Germans who had no time for carrying out their plans of destroying their stores and constructing new defences. The revival of the desperate resistance is probably due to a desire to gain time for the better execution of the measures necessary to protect their retreat, but the Allied armies will prove the stronger and will improve their will.

AMERICANS' FIERCE STRUGGLE.

LONDON, July 30.

Reuters' Correspondent at American Headquarters, telegraphing yesterday evening, deals with the hard fighting leading up to the final capture of Serisy by the Americans, who also captured Serisy and Bonchères.

The fight for Serisy resolved itself into a fierce struggle with the Fourth Guards Division, one of the crack divisions of the German Army. The Germans swept down the hill when the Americans were reorganising their line. The Germans were all picked and fresh men, determined to strike terror into the Allied ranks with whom this was their first engagement. The Americans, overborne by the vast weight of numbers, gave ground foot by foot to the "brink of the Oruy, but fiercely recoiled and drove the Germans back, scattering them at the point of the bayonet from the ruins of the village.

The Germans suffered fearful losses, their dead lying in heaps on all parts of the field.

RETREAT MAY BECOME A DISASTER.

ALLIED PRESSURE INCREASING.

LONDON, July 30.

The capture of the formidable *butte* of Chalmont where it was expected the Germans would be able to make a stand shows that the German retreat is in no wise ended. Now it is even doubtful whether the enemy will be able to hold the Vesle line, for the Allied pressure on the two pivots of defence, namely south of Soissons and south of Rheims, is increasing. In this connection the communiqué mentions the Scots at Bazany, south of Soissons. This is interesting as showing that the British are now engaged on the western as well as the eastern side of the salient. Should this pivot position go, there is still the possibility of the retreat becoming a disaster; hence the Germans are desperately defending the triangular bastion between Soissons, the Oure and the Aisne, which General Mangin is hammering from the west while General De Goutte is advancing northwards from Ferri and endeavouring to turn the position.

GERMANS HEAVILY COUNTER-ATTACKING.

LONDON, July 30.

The Germans, so far, have engaged 71 Divisions on the Marne salient, some of which were Prince Rupprecht's Divisions.

Expert opinion in London discounts any idea of the possibility of rounding up the Germans in the salient, owing to the fact that the Allies there are faced by a numerically superior enemy.

The Germans are now heavily counter-attacking.

GERMAN ATTEMPTS TO EXPLAIN RETREAT.

AMSTERDAM, July 30.

A Berlin semi-official message says:—The removal of our front in the neighbourhood of Ferri and Tardenois and Ville Tardenois was carried out at night only after the thorough destruction of everything likely to be useful to the enemy, who at first did not observe the withdrawal.

The *Daily Express* Correspondent at the Hague says:—German newspapers are painfully endeavouring to convince the public that everything is going well. They take the line that the object of the offensive was not to gain ground but to destroy the enemy forces. When this was impossible the attack was stopped in order to spare the troops while the enemy was allowed to sacrifice his troops without result.

A SPLIT IN THE CAMP.

The newspapers reflect a "ungrateful" attitude upon Hindenburg, whereas Ludendorff is not criticised. Apparently the headquarters is divided into two parties.

NO RELAXATION OF AMERICAN EFFORT.

WASHINGTON, July 30.

Mr. Baker, the American Secretary of War, states with regard to the American success on the Western front that while it is, of course, a cause of rejoicing, it is in no wise justifies any relaxation of American efforts. It rather means that American efforts must be redoubled.

POSSIBLE NEW GERMAN BARBARITIES.

BRITAIN THREATENS PROMPT AND STERN REPRISALS.

LONDON, July 30.

The Ministry of Information says with reference to the question as to whether Germany is contemplating some fresh and barbarous innovation as is suggested by persistent allegations that the British are using unlawful bullets, states that the Foreign Office is in this connection. The Foreign Office's reply showed that the protest was absolutely unjustified. The British Government knows that a German accusation of this kind is usually advanced as an excuse for some prepared and concerted violation of the laws and customs of war and the Foreign Office has notified Germany that any such fresh outrage will be met by prompt and stern reprisals.

AUSTRIA'S "NEW" POLICY.

AMSTERDAM, July 30.

In the Upper House of the Reichstag the new Premier, Dr. Hussarek, in stating his policy, said that Austria was ready at any time to make an honourable peace, but as long as her enemies adopted the standpoint of one-sided violation of terms there was nothing to do but continue the war with all resolute and intensity. (Loud applause.)

SUBMARINE WARFARE.

SINKINGS DECLINING.

LONDON, July 30.

In the House of Commons Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, stated that the British Allied and neutral shipping completed for the half-year ended June 30th balanced the shipping losses of all kinds for the same period.

Sir Eric Geddes said that enemy submarines now found it too dangerous to work inshore and were again going far out. The number of ships damaged as well as sinkings was declining. Heiberto Great Britain had preponderantly borne the burden of the fight against submarines, but the flow of anti-submarine craft from the United States would ere long become a formidable force which would enable Great Britain to divert some of her resources from naval to mercantile construction.

BIG MUNITIONS EXPLOSION IN JAPAN.

MANY FATALITIES FEARED.

SHIMODA, July 30.

A large quantity of ammunition exploded on the pier, during transshipment, with terrific force. It is feared that there are many fatalities.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF TURKISH AMBASSADOR TO BERLIN.

AMSTERDAM, July 30.

The death is announced of Haki Pasha, the Turkish ambassador at Berlin.

TRAGIC DEATH OF A BRITISH PEER.

LONDON, July 30.

The body of Lord Lichfield has been found in the river near his Staffordshire residence with a gunshot wound in the head.

Lord Lichfield was born in 1856, and owned 21,000 acres in Staffordshire. He was a director of the Provincial Bank of England, the Bank of Australasia, etc. The heir to the estates is Viscount Anson.

SIR AUCKLAND GEDDES AS A PRIVATE IN FRANCE.

ONLY IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT OWING TO INJURIES.

SIR AUCKLAND GEDDES, Minister of National Service, has received a letter from Mr. Arthur Beecroft, of Ilford, complaining that "men of 45 are being forced to leave all they have to become soldiers at 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 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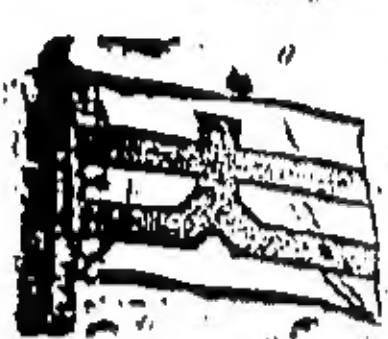
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A VITAL PROBLEM.

THE RE-SETTLEMENT OF SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE.

Not nearly enough notice has been taken in Great Britain of the Rome Conference, says a correspondent in a Home paper. Most people, indeed, would probably ask at once, What is the Rome Conference? Such are the ramifications, such the gigantic sweep, of this war that a programme can be launched and decisions taken vitally affecting some 20,000,000 people, and yet we in these islands, though the bulwark of the Allied cause, may know little or nothing about it.

The Rome Conference—it ended only a few days ago—was a gathering of the representatives of all the oppressed nationalities of Austria-Hungary to agree upon a declaration of common policy and to harmonise that policy with Italian aspirations. These were its purposes. Those were its results. And, incidentally, it had a further result—it helped to drive Count Czernin from office. The Congress was thus not only a really brilliant success in itself, but it furnished the foundation on which will be built hereafter the fabric of an emancipated Southern Europe.

For what is it that has been accomplished? All the races whom the German-speaking Austrians held down in the northern half of the Dual Monarchy have sunk their differences, have met in friendly consultation, have stigmatised the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy as an instrument of "economic domination" and the common enemy of them all, and have pledged one another their mutual help in securing complete independence. And Italy who, like the Czechs and the Southern Slavs, has suffered and is still suffering under Austrian tyranny, has blessed this union of the insurgent subject races of the realm of the Hapsburgs, and has officially pronounced their liberation to be a "vital interest" of her own, and looks forward, as she well may, to a future of helpful co-operation with them which at last they are united and free.

These are the facts of an auspicious development. But they are even more than that. They mark a definite upward stage in that process of emancipating the martyred races and nationalities of Europe, which all the Allies, and Great Britain in particular, have bound themselves to carry to completion. The union of several peoples, the restoration of dispersed States, the simplification of European and especially South-Eastern politics by substituting the claims of blood and speech and historic consciousness, the abolition of whatever prevents a distinctive and homogeneous group of race or nationality from deciding its own destiny and expanding to the full limits of its individual power and genius—it is to these principles above all others that we have nailed our colours and these principles are endorsed, are enshrined, are advanced by the Rome Conference.

But in applying these principles we have thought, naturally enough, chiefly of countries like Belgium and the Scandinavian Kingdoms, and Greece and the Balkan States, and only secondarily of that intricate mosaic of races which forms the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Even now it is insufficiently recognized that Italy is fighting not only for the redemption of her own nationals, but for the fulfilment throughout South-Eastern Europe of precisely those ideals of freedom and justice for which we are struggling in France and Flanders. Even now great numbers of people in Great Britain, absorbed in the contest with Germany, are only half conscious that to our Italian Ally and to Serbia and Montenegro and Greece, and to all the Slavs of Southern Europe, it is not Germany, but Austria-Hungary that is the enemy; it is not from Germany but from Austria-Hungary that they have suffered, and the sign and proof of victory from them will be the measure of their success in throwing off the thralldom of Vienna and Budapest.

THE DUAL MONARCHY.

Before the war few of us even knew what a Jug-Slav was, while many of us had visited Austria, had liked the life and the people we found there, and had kept alive an almost romantic attachment for the virile and fascinating Hungarian nation. That Austria has been an inveterate disturber of the peace in South-Eastern Europe, a scheming, grasping and reactionary Power, and that the Hungarians have tried with remorseless consistency to stamp out every vestige of nationality among the races under their sway—all this was hidden from us.

And the effect of our ignorance, reinforced by the fact that hardly anywhere have our Armies clashed directly with those of Austria-Hungary, has been to confuse the popular mind on the subject of the Dual Monarchy. We realise perfectly that Germany must be beaten and Belgium freed. We do not realise with equal clearness that Austria-Hungary must be beaten and the Southern Slavs freed. We instinctively, though without the smallest justification, put the Hapsburgs on a lower scale of criminality than the Hohenzollerns. We think more kindly of Vienna than of Berlin. We have half-forgotten that it was Austria-Hungary, aggressive and intolerant as ever, that furnished the occasion of this war. We have looked upon her almost as a reluctant tool instead of the willing accomplice of German ambitions; and our statesmen have toyed with the idea of detaching her from her present partnership, terms that would inevitably enable her to continue her career of spoliation and oppression—with a light-heartedness and a short-sightedness that have amazed and disheartened our gallant Italian Ally.

To all these foolishnesses the Rome Conference is the right corrective. It should make us understand that the liberation of the subject races of Austria-Hungary is one of the supreme issues of the war, that however much we may regard her policies and her power as of secondary moment, to Italy, who for three years has kept 1,000,000 Austro-Hungarians engaged on her frontiers, they are crucially important, and that the Allies will have talked in their aims and will have omitted an indispensable step towards the lasting peace of South-Eastern Europe so long as a single race that desires its freedom is forced to bend once more beneath the Hapsburg yoke.

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The young lady confessed that she did not know. The judge, well, take my advice, and don't. The law is a nasty, beastly business. You will come in contact with all sorts of shady people. Mr. Newman (counsel): I hope your honour does not include counsel. (Laughter, in which the judge joined.)

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